

The Daily Courant.

Thursday, December 26. 1706.

From the Antwerp Courant, dated Dec. 28.

Naples, November 30.

THE Desolation caus'd by the Earthquake the last Month in the Abruzzo and Parts adjacent, appears daily more and more lamentable by the Accounts we receive from thence. Above 8000 Bodies of the kill'd (whose Number is incredible) have already been taken out of the Rubbish and buried. A great Number of those that are maim'd or wounded, die for want of necessary Assistance; and of those that abandon'd their Dwellings to betake themselves to the open Country, so many dye for want of Sustenance, that 'tis fear'd the Stench of their Carcasses will infect the Air; wherefore the Duke of Attri (who is Vicar-General of the Abruzzo) has at his own Charge set above 6000 Peasants to work to take the dead Bodies off the Ground and bury them in Pits. The 18th of this Month, between Torco and Sulmona, for half a Mile in Extent, a black and stinking Vapour was seen to rise out of the Ground, with a Noise like Thunder, and lasted till the 21st, when the Vapour turn'd into a Flame that seem'd to reach the Clouds, but the 22d it disappear'd. Some Persons having since taken a View of the Scene of this dreadful Appearance, report, that in the Place where the Vapour and Flame broke out there is now an Aperture in the Earth of 400 Paces long and 20 broad, full of Water which seems to boil, and smoaks continually. Several Princes and other Persons of Quality of this City, have sent great Sums of Money to the Abruzzo, for the Relief of the distress'd People in that Province. The Masses and Prayers that were appointed here, for averting further Judgments, and to induce People to Repentance and Amendment of Life, end to Day. We are still apprehensive the Allies may make an Attempt on this Kingdom and particularly on this City; and the Duke of Escalona our Viceroy, has sent new Order to all the Governours of Towns and Castles, and especially those bordering on the Ecclesiastical State, to be upon their Guard, and to keep a strict Eye on all Strangers. He has put above 500 French Soldiers into our Castles, and sent others to Gaeta, because the Housekeepers of this City would no longer endure to have them quarter'd on them.

From the Paris Gazette, dated Dec. 24.

Madrid, Dec. 7. The King has given the Duke of Turis the Survivorship of the Office of General of the Gallies of Naples, now possess'd by the Prince of Montefarchio, granting besides the further Reversion to the Prince of Avela Son of the Duke of Turis. Prince Pio is made Lieutenant General in Consideration of his Services. 'Tis advis'd by Letters from Pampelona, that the Prince de Tilly march'd from thence the 19th of last Month, with a Body of regular Troops; having sent before 4 or 5000 of the Militia of Navarre, all chosen Men, and who on several Occasions have given signal Proofs of their Bravery and Loyalty. The Design of this March is to enter Arragon by the 5 Towns; which is the easier since the taking of Exea. There is Ground to hope this Enterprize will succeed, because the Miquelets of Catalonia who were the principal Force of the Enemy on that Side, retire in-

to their own Country, being discourag'd by so many bad Successes, by the great Number of their Fellows who have been kill'd or taken, because they are not paid, and especially because their Hopes of Plunder which more than any thing else engag'd them in the Archduke's Service, were wholly frustrated. We have Advice likewise, that several Rebels of Saragossa who were busiest in the Revolt, are retir'd from thence with their best Effects. The King having been inform'd that a private Man of Arragon chose rather to suffer Death than acknowledge the Archduke, order'd the Council of Arragon to consider by what Means to honour his Memory and Family, and it has been resolv'd that after the publick Tranquility is re-establish'd, a Pyramid shall be erected with an Inscription to preserve his Memory to Posterity.

MADRID.

A Decree of King Philip V. of Spain, propos'd to the Deliberation of the Council Royal of Castile.

THE pressing Occasions and Dangers of the Monarchy are so well known, that 'tis not necessary to aggravate the Condition to which they have reduc'd the Religion, Liberty, and Honour of the Nation. Nothing is more evident than the Necessity of Forces, and the Means of maintaining and augmenting them: At the same time, the Want of those Means is so notorious and deplorable, that nothing is harder to imagine than the Way of finding them out and (without a general Ruine) putting them in Execution, by Methods as remote as possible from the hard Extremity of burthening the People more than they are already, by Contributions ordinary extraordinary or contingent, occasion'd by the present Conjuncture their great Fidelity and Affection. Various Expedients have been propos'd to me, which are, To resume all that has been granted away for ever of the Patrimony and Demesnes of the Crown, particularly the Customs and other Royal Revenues: To make Use of all the Plate in the Kingdom, paying for the present one half of the Value in Money to the Proprietors: To deduct 2 per Cent out of the Interest paid by the Crown, and which has been formerly reduc'd from 5 to 3: To cause an exact Account to be taken of the clear Income of all Persons whatever, to tax them 5 per Cent for one or more Years: To call in and raise the Value of the Money: And lastly, To require the Plate of all the Churches, leaving them only what is absolutely necessary to perform divine Service with Decency; under Obligation to restore it again with Interest for the Time, and for that purpose to settle Funds beforehand. On these Propositions, and others that may be offer'd, the Council shall give me their Advice, after they have maturely consider'd on each, what is feasible, what is convenient, and what may be effectual and most speedy; with the best, shortest, and least rigorous Manner of putting them in Execution; to the End I may take my Resolution thereupon. Madrid, Nov. 16. 1706.

Another Decree.

THE Continuation of the War in so many Parts and Provinces of Spain, in which the Kingdom is engag'd in the Defence of the just Cause they pursue, to maintain the Religion, Liberty, and Honour of the Nation, does in the present exhausted Condition of the Royal Treasury and Revenues, make it unavoidable

avoidable to procure and put in Execution the Means of maintaining and augmenting Troops so necessary, without further burthening the People, which I look upon to be the last and most sensible Extremity, feeling in my Heart a Desire to ease them of those Contributions, which over and above the ordinary Taxes, are occasion'd by the present Conjunction, and which have so particularly and honourably distinguish'd their Fidelity, Zeal, and Affection. It being just and equitable to employ my own Revenue, before I make Use of the Estates of others, and diminish the lawful Possessions of my Subjects, I have resolv'd from this Time to resume the Duties of Importation and Exportation, the Crown-Lands, the Hundredths, Thousandths, Royal Services, Carriages, Passages, Tolls, Meerages, Ovens, Mountings, and generally all other Rights and Services, which on any Account, Title, or Motive whatever, have been alienated or granted away from the Crown, by Me or the King's my Predecessors, in any Time, Circumstance, or Occasion whatsoever: On Condition nevertheless that this shall not at present extend further than for one Year only, to be computed from Midsummer-Day last past 1706. My will therefore is, that within that Time, all the Proprietors and Persons concern'd, exhibit and deliver in an Account of their Privileges, Grants, and all other Papers relating thereunto, in order to make out in Form their respective Claims and Titles by which they enjoy such Rights and Offices; because my Royal Intention is that all those who are possess'd or have been duely possess'd of them, shall be treated with Equity and Justice. Which Claims shall be examin'd and determin'd by such Ministers as I shall appoint to that End. The Council of the Cruzada shall be requir'd to execute with the utmost Punctuality and Exactness whatever is their Part to do in this Matter, by putting forthwith into my Hands a clear and distinct Account of the Emoluments, Rights, Offices, and all other things that have been alienated from the Crown, to the End I may be fully inform'd of their true Value, and then deliberate touching other Proposals that have been laid before me, and on which I have suspended my Resolution, till I see whether the Funds arising this Way will be sufficient for the present Occasions, that so I may avoid laying other Impositions on my Subjects. Done at Madrid, Nov. 21. 1706.

Another Decree is likewise directed to the Commissary General of the Cruzada, importing, that the King's Intention is to retain all the annual Salaries, Rents, Pensions, and all kind of Profits whatever, belonging to all the Ministers and Councillors, those of the Council of State not excepted, who absented themselves (for Reasons whether good or bad) when the Tribunals and Councils follow'd the King to the Army or the Court to Burgos; that is to say, for the Time only those Tribunals and Councils were gone from hence, which was Three Months Three Days. But 'tis observable that all Ecclesiastical Persons are by the King exempted from that Amercement.

'Tis pretended, that the Resumption of the 3 first Articles of the Alienations, will produce at least 3 Millions of Crowns annually; and 'tis thought will reduce most of the Grandees and other Lords to a most miserable Condition.

The King has been advis'd not to cause this Decree to be publish'd at Naples, for Fear of an Insurrection.

The Minutes of the Proceedings of the Parliament of Scotland, that came by Yesterdays Post, being too long to be inserted in this Paper, shall be found in our next.

London, December 26.

Rear Admiral Whetstone is arriv'd at Plymouth in the Suffolk, having with him the Reserve and Bristol: He had sent the Hector to Bristol.

AT the Theatre Royal in Drury-Lane, this present Thursday, being the 26th of December, will be Reviv'd, *The Tempest*, or, *The Enchanted Island*. With all the Flying, the Vocal and Instrumental Musick and Dances as Originally perform'd. By her Majesty's Company of Comedians.

AT the Queen's Theatre in the Hay-Market, this present Thursday, being the 26th of December, will be presented a Play, call'd, *King Henry the Fourth*, with the Humours of Sir John Falstaff. The part of Falstaff to be perform'd by Mr. Betterton. And all the other parts to the best Advantage, particularly the part of the King by Mr. Keen, Prince of Wales by Mr. Wilks, Northumberland by Mr. Bowman, Hotspur by Mr. Verbruggen, Owen Glendower by Mr. Husband, Douglas by Mr. Mills, Sir Richard Vernon by Mr. Booth.

These Plays are Sold by J. Knapton at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, and B. Lintott next Nando's Coffee-House, Temple-Bar.

AN Entertainment by Mr. CLINCH of BARNET, who imitates the Flute, Double-Curtell, the Organ with 3 Voices, the Horn, Huntsman and Pack of Hounds, the Sham Doctor, the Old Woman, the Drunken Man, the Bells: All Instruments are perform'd by his natural Voice. To be seen this present Evening at 7 a Clock at the Cross-Keys Tavern next Temple-Bar. Price 1 s.

The Proprietors of the Convex Lamps (which said Lamps are distanced pursuant to an Act of Parliament lately made) do give notice, that there is no Law Suit depending between them and the Persons who have set up the Lamps call'd Conic Lamps. And do further give notice that such Person or Persons, in the several Streets in the Suburbs of London, as shall pay to the said Convex Lamps, shall by them be indemnified from paying to any other Lamps.

Samuel Dunklyn, Mercer, late of Covent-Garden, is now Remov'd to the Golden Anchor in Leaden-Hall-street, and sells Callicos and Silks as formerly.

A Bank Note of 60 l. N^o 125. paid by a Gentleman to Mr. Morison at the 3 Crowns and Anchor in Lombard-street on the 6th Instant, being mislaid or lost, the Gentleman who paid the same to him is humbly desir'd to send to Knight's Coffee-house in Essex-street the Date of the same, and to whom payable, or how he may be spoke with, and the Gentleman that has lost the Note is ready to give him any satisfaction for his trouble.

A large Brick House, commonly call'd Bromly-Hall, in the Parish of Bromly by Bow in Middlesex, with a large Orchard, a large Brick Barn, Stables and Marsh-ground, fit for a Callico-Printer, Dyer, Whittler, &c. to be Let. Inquire of Mr. Pendock in Freeman's-yard in Cornhill near the Royal Exchange.

Beds ready made, and standing Tents and Field-Beds, Couch and Chair-Beds for Land and Sea; as also all sorts of Cloathing and Bedding for Seamen or the Plantations, and Chests of Slop-Cloaths for Purfers, sold at very reasonable Rates by P. Mervin at the 3 Chairs in St. Katherins Uppolsterer and Slopeller.

The true Balsam of Gathay, so eminently known these many Years for its incomparable Virtues in giving immediate Ease in the Gout and Rheumatism, beyond any other Remedy yet publish'd, is to be had only of Mr. James Dodd at Mason's Coffee-house in Bartholomew-lane behind the Royal Exchange at 2 s. 6 d. a Box with directions. At the same Place is also to be sold the true Golden Snuff, one of the noblest Secrets yet found out for speedily and actually removing most distempers of the Brain, Eyes or Ears, the more particular Virtues whereof, and the way of using it are fully describ'd in the Paper of directions, seal'd up with the Author's Seal, being an Elephant, and the figure of an Elephant stamp on the back of each Paper, with a Latin inscription about it. The said Snuff is also to be had from the Author at the Green Balcony in Durham-yard in the Strand, London, with good allowance to those who would sell it again, and a large Paper Gratis, fit for a Frame, to hang up in their Houses or Shops.

The first and most approved Angelick Tincture for Coughs, began to be expos'd to Sale October 10. 1704. and for more than one whole Year escap'd unmolested by Counterfeits. It is a great and stupendous Medicine, having sav'd the Lives of many, doing the Cure on the Spot after a Thousand other things fail, when it is taken into the Mouth the Cough doth instantly Cease, and after 2 Days return no more, the Truth whereof is sufficiently evinc'd by Examples of Cures in former Advertisements. N. B. This excellent Secret is no where to be had save at, John's Coffee-house in Swinfin's Alley by the Royal Exchange, and at the 7 Stars under St. Dunstan's Church in Fleet-street. Price 1 s. each Bottle.

This Day is publish'd,

The General-Gauger: Or, The Principles and Practice of Gauging Beer, Wine and Malt. I. Decimal-Arithmetick, the Extraction of the Square and Cube-Roots, and the use of them, in the way of Gauging. II. The Use of the Sliding-Rule in Measuring Timber, and other Surfaces and Solids. III. The Theory and Practice of Gauging in all the Varieties, perform'd by Pen and Sliding-Rule. Each Proposition being Wrought in Beer, Wine and Malt. IV. The Construction of the Table of Segments, and all the Varieties of Ullaging of Casks. V. A Table of Areas in Malt-Bushels, &c. By Mr. John Dougharty, Teacher of the Mathematicks at Bewdley. Printed for J. Knapton, at the Crown in St. Paul's Church-yard, price 2 s. 6 d.

For the Diversion of this Christmas.

To Morrow will be publish'd.

Essays on Love and Marriage: With Characters of a Whore. A Patentee. A Politick. A Clubber. A Citizen. A Schismatick. A Gallant. A Ballad Maker. A Self Conceit. A City Wit. A Humorist. A Fudler. A Solicitor. In which is a Letter to a Friend, delivering an Opinion of the Scotch Rising. Printed for Sam. Bunchley at the Blue Ball in Ave-Mary-Lane, price fitch'd 6 d. Where may be had a Cut, call'd, The Committee, or, Popery in Masquerade, price 6 d.

Just publish'd,

A Defence of the Rights of the Christian Church, against a late Visitation Sermon, intitled, The Rights of the Clergy in the Christian Church asserted, Preach'd at Newport Pagnel in the County of Bucks, by W. Wotton, B. D. and made publick at the command and desire of the Bishop of Lincoln, and the Clergy of the Deaneries of Buckingham and Newport. Sold by A. Baldwin in Warwick-Lane.